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REAPPORTIONMENT PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED IN GRAMBLING, SHREVEPORT, MANY AND LAFAYETTE

The Subcommittee on Reapportionment of the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs will hear public testimony on the redrawing of the state House of Representatives, Louisiana Supreme Court, U. S. Congressional, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and Public Service Commission districts, and give a presentation of 2000 Census data at public hearings in Grambling, Shreveport, Many and Lafayette, LA.

The state grew by 249,003 or 5.9 percent between 1990 and 2000, according to the 2000 Census figures. Most of this growth occurred along the Interstate I-10 and I-12 corridors. Fourteen parishes lost population. Twelve of the fourteen are in North and Central Louisiana: Webster, Claiborne, Bienville, Jackson, Morehouse, East Carroll, Franklin, Tensas, Catahoula, Concordia, Rapides and Vernon Parishes. Two of the fourteen parishes that lost population are in South Louisiana -- St. Mary and Orleans. The top five growing parishes based on numeric growth are St. Tammany, East Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Livingston and Ascension.

The testimony gathered at the hearings listed below and other hearings already held around the state will be considered by the subcommittee to draft working redistricting plans for the state's chief election boundaries at subcommittee meetings scheduled for September 12, 19, and 26, and October 3 at 10:00 a.m. in House Committee Room 5 at the State Capitol.

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Redistricting made during a special reapportionment session, tentatively scheduled October 8 - 22, will change the election districts to reflect these population changes and shifts that have occurred within the state over the past ten years.

Redistricting public hearings dates and locations:

Thursday, August 23 -- 11:00 a.m. Grambling School of Nursing Auditorium, Cole Street, Grambling State University; Friday, **August 24 -- 10:00 a.m.** Shreveport City Council Chamber, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport; Saturday, **August 25 -- 3:00 p.m.** Cypress Grand Ballroom, 2000 Cypress Bend Parkway, Many; and Monday, **August 27 -- 9:30 a.m.** Ted A. Ardoin City-Parish Council Auditorium, 705 West University Avenue, 1st floor, Lafayette.

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